# Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

June 2012

**UNADJUSTED DATA**

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended June 16, 2012, there were 548,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during June 2012, an increase of 2,600 from May 2012 and 11,700 more than the number employed in June 2011.

Agricultural employment was 38,300 persons in June 2012, down 1,300 from the May 2012 level and 1,100 less than the June 2011 agricultural employment level of 39,400. Non-agricultural employment was 510,600 persons in June 2012. This is an increase of 3,900 from the May 2012 non-agriculture employment level of 506,700 and 12,800 more than June 2011.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for June 2012 was 4.5 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the May 2012 rate of 4.4 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the June 2011 level of 4.3 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 2,800 to 574,400 persons in June 2012 from 571,600 persons in May 2012. This is 13,300 more than the June 2011 labour force of 561,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 70.9 percent in June 2012 from 70.7 percent in May 2012. The June 2011 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.2 percent.

There were 25,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during June 2012. This is an increase of 300 from May 2012 and is 1,700 more than the number unemployed in June 2011.

**SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA**

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 536,600 persons employed in Saskatchewan in June 2012, up 500 from the May 2012 level of 536,100 and is up 10,800 from the June 2011 employment level of 525,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June 2012 was 4.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the May 2012 rate of 4.5 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the June 2011 rate of 4.8 percent.

**CANADIAN DATA**

Canadian employment increased by 192,400 persons in June 2012 to 17,869,400 persons from 17,677,000 persons in May 2012. In June 2011, there were 17,693,300 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.7 percentage points in June 2012 to 6.7 percent from the May 2012 level of 7.4 percent. In June 2011, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in June 2012. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than May 2012 and 0.2 percentage points lower than the June 2011 level of 7.4 percent.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6327 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

**TABLE 1**

**SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES**

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 19,162.3 | 19,097.4 | 19,021.6 | 64.9 | 140.7 |
| Employed ('000) | 17,869.4 | 17,677.0 | 17,693.3 | 192.4 | 176.1 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 14,614.7 | 14,340.4 | 14,398.9 | 274.3 | 215.8 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 3,254.7 | 3,336.7 | 3,294.4 | -82.0 | -39.7 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 1,292.9 | 1,420.3 | 1,328.3 | -127.4 | -35.4 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.0 | -0.7 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 67.7 | 67.5 | 68.0 | 0.2 | -0.3 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 574.4 | 571.6 | 561.1 | 2.8 | 13.3 |
| Employed ('000) | 548.9 | 546.3 | 537.2 | 2.6 | 11.7 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 453.7 | 448.4 | 443.6 | 5.3 | 10.1 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 95.2 | 98.0 | 93.6 | -2.8 | 1.6 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 25.6 | 25.3 | 23.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.9 | 70.7 | 70.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| **ALBERTA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 2,278.6 | 2,274.5 | 2,242.1 | 4.1 | 36.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 2,180.6 | 2,172.1 | 2,127.1 | 8.5 | 53.5 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 1,824.2 | 1,814.5 | 1,778.0 | 9.7 | 46.2 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 356.5 | 357.6 | 349.2 | -1.1 | 7.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 98.0 | 102.4 | 115.0 | -4.4 | -17.0 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 74.3 | 74.4 | 74.6 | -0.1 | -0.3 |
| **MANITOBA** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 671.5 | 672.3 | 667.5 | -0.8 | 4.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 640.0 | 639.2 | 634.2 | 0.8 | 5.8 |
| Full-Time ('000) | 524.0 | 510.3 | 517.0 | 13.7 | 7.0 |
| Part-Time ('000) | 116.0 | 128.8 | 117.2 | -12.8 | -1.2 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 31.5 | 33.2 | 33.3 | -1.7 | -1.8 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 69.8 | 69.9 | 70.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 |

**Source: Statistics Canada,** *Labour Force Survey*
**Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance**

**TABLE 2**

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS**

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LABOUR FORCE ('000)** | 574.4 | 571.6 | 561.1 | 2.8 | 13.3 |
| Male | 311.8 | 310.9 | 303.6 | 0.9 | 8.2 |
| Female | 262.6 | 260.7 | 257.6 | 1.9 | 5.0 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 100.7 | 99.0 | 99.4 | 1.7 | 1.3 |
| 25+ Years of age | 473.7 | 472.6 | 461.7 | 1.1 | 12.0 |
| **EMPLOYED ('000)** | 548.9 | 546.3 | 537.2 | 2.6 | 11.7 |
| Male | 298.4 | 297.0 | 290.0 | 1.4 | 8.4 |
| Female | 250.4 | 249.4 | 247.2 | 1.0 | 3.2 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 92.1 | 90.2 | 90.6 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 456.8 | 456.1 | 446.6 | 0.7 | 10.2 |
| **UNEMPLOYED ('000)** | 25.6 | 25.3 | 23.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Male | 13.4 | 14.0 | 13.6 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Female | 12.2 | 11.3 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 1.9 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.6 | 8.8 | 8.9 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| 25+ Years of age | 16.9 | 16.5 | 15.0 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Male | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.5 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Female | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.0 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 8.5 | 8.9 | 9.0 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| 25+ Years of age | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| **PARTICIPATION RATE (%)** | 70.9 | 70.7 | 70.2 | 0.2 | 0.7 |
| Male | 77.5 | 77.4 | 76.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Female | 64.4 | 64.0 | 63.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| 15-24 Years of Age | 73.8 | 72.6 | 72.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| 25+ Years of age | 70.3 | 70.3 | 69.7 | 0.0 | 0.6 |

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**TABLE 3**

**SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE**

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **INDUSTRY ('000)** | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 38.3 | 39.6 | 39.4 | -1.3 | -1.1 |
| Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas | 27.3 | 25.6 | 27.2 | 1.7 | 0.1 |
| Utilities | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Construction | 45.1 | 45.2 | 41.9 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| Manufacturing | 27.7 | 27.3 | 27.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Trade | 79.4 | 79.8 | 78.5 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 26.4 | 26.4 | 26.5 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing | 29.6 | 30.0 | 30.9 | -0.4 | -1.3 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 24.5 | 24.6 | 25.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| Business, Building and Other Support Services | 14.7 | 14.0 | 12.5 | 0.7 | 2.2 |
| Educational Services | 46.3 | 46.3 | 41.3 | 0.0 | 5.0 |
| Health Care and Social Assistance | 71.4 | 71.0 | 69.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 |
| Information, Culture and Recreation | 21.5 | 21.3 | 19.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| Accommodation and Food Services | 31.8 | 32.8 | 32.6 | -1.0 | -0.8 |
| Other Services | 26.5 | 25.0 | 25.1 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Public Administration | 31.8 | 31.6 | 34.2 | 0.2 | -2.4 |
| Total | 548.9 | 546.3 | 537.2 | 2.6 | 11.7 |
| **HOURS OF WORK ('000)** | | | | | |
| Full-Time | 453.7 | 448.4 | 443.6 | 5.3 | 10.1 |
| Part-Time | 95.2 | 98.0 | 93.6 | -2.8 | 1.6 |
| **CLASS OF WORKER ('000)** | | | | | |
| Employees | 453.0 | 451.1 | 439.9 | 1.9 | 13.1 |
| Public Sector | 142.3 | 142.6 | 143.4 | -0.3 | -1.1 |
| Private Sector | 310.7 | 308.6 | 296.5 | 2.1 | 14.2 |
| Self-Employed | 95.9 | 95.2 | 97.3 | 0.7 | -1.4 |

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## TABLE 4

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,869.4 | 17,677.0 | 17,693.3 | 192.4 | 176.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 241.6 | 234.7 | 234.9 | 6.9 | 6.7 |
| Prince Edward Island | 78.4 | 75.1 | 77.9 | 3.3 | 0.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 466.7 | 462.0 | 467.4 | 4.7 | -0.7 |
| New Brunswick | 369.2 | 362.9 | 363.7 | 6.3 | 5.5 |
| Quebec | 4,095.1 | 4,036.9 | 4,073.2 | 58.2 | 21.9 |
| Ontario | 6,900.5 | 6,816.0 | 6,881.5 | 84.5 | 19.0 |
| Manitoba | 640.0 | 639.2 | 634.2 | 0.8 | 5.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 548.9 | 546.3 | 537.2 | 2.6 | 11.7 |
| Alberta | 2,180.6 | 2,172.1 | 2,127.1 | 8.5 | 53.5 |
| British Columbia | 2,348.5 | 2,331.8 | 2,296.3 | 16.7 | 52.2 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 6.7 | 7.4 | 7.0 | -0.7 | -0.3 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 11.3 | 12.0 | 10.7 | -0.7 | 0.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 8.2 | 10.3 | 8.2 | -2.1 | 0.0 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.7 | 9.1 | 7.7 | -0.4 | 1.0 |
| New Brunswick | 7.9 | 9.6 | 8.5 | -1.7 | -0.6 |
| Quebec | 6.9 | 7.6 | 7.1 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| Ontario | 7.5 | 8.3 | 7.6 | -0.8 | -0.1 |
| Manitoba | 4.7 | 4.9 | 5.0 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.5 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Alberta | 4.3 | 4.5 | 5.1 | -0.2 | -0.8 |
| British Columbia | 6.3 | 7.3 | 7.0 | -1.0 | -0.7 |

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## TABLE 5

## CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(Seasonally Adjusted)**

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 17,509.7 | 17,502.4 | 17,328.6 | 7.3 | 181.1 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 230.4 | 230.3 | 221.6 | 0.1 | 8.8 |
| Prince Edward Island | 72.7 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Nova Scotia | 453.0 | 453.5 | 452.7 | -0.5 | 0.3 |
| New Brunswick | 354.8 | 356.7 | 349.7 | -1.9 | 5.1 |
| Quebec | 3,985.5 | 3,990.1 | 3,964.6 | -4.6 | 20.9 |
| Ontario | 6,782.0 | 6,761.8 | 6,762.1 | 20.2 | 19.9 |
| Manitoba | 628.3 | 630.6 | 622.2 | -2.3 | 6.1 |
| Saskatchewan | 536.6 | 536.1 | 525.8 | 0.5 | 10.8 |
| Alberta | 2,144.2 | 2,152.8 | 2,088.8 | -8.6 | 55.4 |
| British Columbia | 2,322.2 | 2,318.6 | 2,269.2 | 3.6 | 53.0 |
| **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| Canada | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.4 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Newfoundland & Labrador | 13.0 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| Prince Edward Island | 11.3 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| Nova Scotia | 9.6 | 9.2 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| New Brunswick | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| Quebec | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.9 | -0.1 | -0.2 |
| Ontario | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.7 | -0.1 | 0.0 |
| Manitoba | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.9 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| Alberta | 4.6 | 4.5 | 5.5 | 0.1 | -0.9 |
| British Columbia | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.2 | -0.8 | -0.6 |

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## TABLE 6

## SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

**(3 Month Moving Average)**

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)** | | | | | |
| St. John's | 7.3 | 7.8 | 5.8 | -0.5 | 1.5 |
| Halifax | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Saint John | 7.5 | 8.4 | 6.2 | -0.9 | 1.3 |
| Quebec | 5.3 | 5.6 | 5.8 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Montreal | 8.5 | 9.0 | 8.0 | -0.5 | 0.5 |
| Ottawa-Gatineau | 6.0 | 6.2 | 5.8 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Greater Sudbury | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.5 | -0.1 | -0.6 |
| Toronto | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Winnipeg | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Regina | 4.0 | 4.1 | 4.9 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| Saskatoon | 5.7 | 5.9 | 5.5 | -0.2 | 0.2 |
| Calgary | 4.7 | 5.0 | 5.7 | -0.3 | -1.0 |
| Edmonton | 4.4 | 5.0 | 5.4 | -0.6 | -1.0 |
| Vancouver | 6.5 | 6.6 | 7.3 | -0.1 | -0.8 |
| Victoria | 4.9 | 5.0 | 5.8 | -0.1 | -0.9 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)** | | | | | |
| Regina-Moose Mountain | 169.0 | 167.9 | 163.9 | 1.1 | 5.1 |
| Swift Current-Moose Jaw | 51.8 | 49.9 | 50.1 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Saskatoon-Biggar | 182.0 | 177.8 | 177.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| Yorkton-Melville | 38.4 | 38.8 | 39.5 | -0.4 | -1.1 |
| Prince Albert & Northern | 101.1 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 2.1 | 1.9 |

**Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)**

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## TABLE 7

## SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

| | June 2012 | May 2012 | June 2011 | Change from Last Month | Change from Last Year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL POPULATION** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 568.8 | 560.6 | 558.0 | 8.2 | 10.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 541.6 | 532.4 | 530.3 | 9.2 | 11.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 27.3 | 28.2 | 27.6 | -0.9 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.8 | 5.0 | 5.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.3 | 69.4 | 69.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 66.9 | 65.9 | 66.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 |
| **NON-ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 522.4 | 514.8 | 511.6 | 7.6 | 10.8 |
| Employed ('000) | 501.1 | 492.7 | 490.1 | 8.4 | 11.0 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 21.4 | 22.0 | 21.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 4.1 | 4.3 | 4.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.8 | 69.9 | 70.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 67.9 | 66.9 | 67.2 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| **ABORIGINAL** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 46.4 | 45.8 | 46.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 40.5 | 39.7 | 40.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 5.9 | 6.2 | 6.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 12.7 | 13.5 | 13.3 | -0.8 | -0.6 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 65.4 | 64.6 | 66.6 | 0.8 | -1.2 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 57.0 | 55.9 | 57.8 | 1.1 | -0.8 |
| **NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN** | | | | | |
| Labour Force ('000) | 18.0 | 18.1 | 18.5 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Employed ('000) | 14.6 | 14.6 | 15.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 18.7 | 19.3 | 18.9 | -0.6 | -0.2 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 57.9 | 58.2 | 60.7 | -0.3 | -2.8 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 47.1 | 46.9 | 49.2 | 0.2 | -2.1 |
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| Labour Force ('000) | 27.9 | 27.3 | 27.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Employed ('000) | 25.5 | 24.8 | 25.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| Unemployed ('000) | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.7 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 8.5 | 9.4 | 9.6 | -0.9 | -1.1 |
| Participation Rate (%) | 70.8 | 69.4 | 71.3 | 1.4 | -0.5 |
| Employment Rate (%) | 64.7 | 62.8 | 64.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 |

**Notes:**

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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